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April 6, 1979

Mr. Fred Riding  
Stauffer Chemical Company  
Vernal, Utah 84078

RE: Vernal Phosphate Mine  
Act/047/007

Dear Mr. Riding:

This letter is in accord with our planned follow-up after the Division's inspection and meeting at the site of March 13, 1979. The Division staff's observations and recommendations from this visit were discussed before the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining on March 29, 1979. The Board was in concurrence with the staff recommendations concerning the mining and reclamation plans. Further, the Board was receptive to the initiation of an arrangement for surety in the form of a contract agreement, similar to that which Kennecott Copper Company holds with the Division.

Enclosed for your information and further action is the March 19, 1979, memo to the File by K. Michael Thompson. This memo, I believe, adequately addresses the few questions which still remained from the Division's last meeting with Stauffer Chemical Company of February 15, 1979.

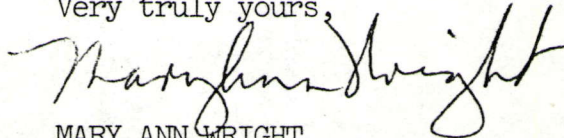
The next step in moving towards approval of the mining and reclamation plan is for Stauffer to follow through in their plan to submit the

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needed amendments. Once the Division is in possession of the complete plan, then a review will take place. Following review, the approval process will commence along with estimation of a reclamation surety.

We await your response and further submittals. The Division appreciates the cooperative attitude of Stauffer in working out the reclamation plans.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Ann Wright".

MARY ANN WRIGHT  
RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST

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Enclosure: Memo to File - 3/19/79